

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on January 23, 2003 at 9 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ronald Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Eileen J. Carney (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Gary Forrester (D)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Video-Taped Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 318, 1/17/2003

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 318

Sponsor: REP. FISHER, HD 75, BIGFORK

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:02 a.m. REP. FISHER

Proponents' Testimony:

9:10 a.m. Candace Payne, Rimrock Foundation

9:12 a.m. Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

9:14 a.m. Wally Melcher, MAIDS, SA

9:16 a.m. Paul Haber, University Faculty Association

Opponents' Testimony:

9:18 a.m. Neil Leathers, Big Sky Brewing Company

9:24 a.m. Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Wholesalers
Association

EXHIBIT(tah14a01)

EXHIBIT(tah14a02)

EXHIBIT(tah14a03)

9:28 a.m. Bob Stephens, Montana Green Growers Association,
Montana Farmers Union

9:30 a.m. Mark Taylor, Anheuser-Busch Companies

EXHIBIT(tah14a04)

9:33 a.m. Brad Griffin, Montana Retailers' Association and
Montana Restaurant Association

9:34 a.m. Elaine Sliter, Miller Brewing Company

9:35 a.m. **Bob Pavlovich, Butte Tavern Owner**

9:38 a.m. **Mark Staples, Montana Tavern Association**

9:39 a.m. **Mona Jamison, Wine Institute**

9:41 a.m. **Mark Baker, Stimson Lane**

9:43 a.m. **Brian Clark, President, Fun Beverage, Inc.**

9:46 a.m. **Bill Stevens, Montana Food Distributors Association**

9:47 a.m. **Dennis Iverson, Coors Brewing Company**

9:47 a.m. **Dale Markovich, Butte Beer Wholesaler**

9:47 a.m. **Bill Thompson, Thompson Distributing**

9:48 a.m. **Scott Thompson, Thompson Distributing**

9:48 a.m. **Margie Thompson, Thompson Distributing**

Informational Testimony:

9:48 a.m. **Gary Amostoy, Richland Economic Development**

9:51 a.m. **Neil Peterson**

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

9:51 a.m. **REP. BALYEAT**

9:51 a.m. **Mark Staples**

9:55 a.m. **REP. PETERSON**

9:55 a.m. **Bob Stephens**

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9:57 a.m. **Kristi Blazer**

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9:58 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

9:58 a.m. **Candace Payne**

10:00 a.m. **REP. ANDERSON**

10:01 a.m. **Bob Stephens**

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10:01 a.m. **REP. FISHER**

10:02 a.m. **REP. CARNEY**

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10:03 a.m. **REP. GILLAN**

10:03 a.m. **Brian Clark**

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10:05 a.m. **Brian Clark**

10:05 a.m. **REP. BALYEAT**

10:05 a.m. **Mark Staples**

10:07 a.m. **REP. COHENOUR**

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10:10 a.m. **REP. FORRESTER**

10:11 a.m. **Mark Taylor**

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Closing by Sponsor:

10:13 a.m. **REP. FISHER**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:17 A.M.

REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah14aad)